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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A) Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-9000a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Washington County Kingpost Bridge

Other name/site number 201-0000-0027

2. Location

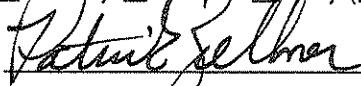
Street & number SW corner of int. of K-9 & Center Street ☐ not for publication

City or town Barnes ☒ vicinity

State Kansas Code KS County Washington Code 201 Zip code 66933

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)



5/28/08

Patrick Zollner, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

Kansas State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of commenting official /Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- ☐ entered in the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ☐ removed from the National Register
- ☐ other, (explain:)

Washington County Kingpost Bridge  
Name of Property

Washington County, Kansas  
County and State

## 5. Classification

### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

### Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☒ structure  
☐ object

### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
	buildings
	sites
1	structures
	objects
1	total

### Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Metal Truss Bridges in Kansas

### Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter Categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related (vehicular)

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: King Post Truss

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation:

Walls:

Roof:

Other: Metal: Wrought Iron or Steel

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Name of Property

Washington County, Kansas  
County and State

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☒ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Engineering

### Period of Significance

c. 1900

### Significant Dates

c. 1900

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

### Architect/Builder

Unknown

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Kansas State Historical Society

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Name of Property

Washington County, Kansas  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	4	6	8	2	1	8	0	4	3	9	7	6	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						
2														

3														
Zone				Easting				Northing						
4														

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

Name/title KSHS Staff  
Organization Kansas State Historical Society Date February 20, 2008  
Street & number 6425 SW Sixth Avenue Telephone 785-272-8681 ext. 240  
City or town Topeka State KS Zip code 66615

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

Name Washington County  
Street & number 214 "C" Street Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
City or town Washington State KS Zip code 66968

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Washington County, Kansas

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**RELOCATION APPROVAL**

Erected circa 1900, the Washington County Kingpost Bridge is a single span, King Post truss 22 feet long and 14.5 feet wide. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 1/04/1990, the bridge is located in Lincoln Township, 4.5 miles southeast of Barnes on All American Road and .3 miles east on 5<sup>th</sup> Road. The road is no longer maintained and the site is overgrown with trees, brush, and other vegetation. When the wood deck deteriorated, the bridge was bypassed by a new section of road with a culvert to the west. Because of maintenance concerns, the county commissioners offered the bridge to the City of Barnes, and the city council agreed to accept the bridge. The proposed new location is over an existing drainage ditch on city property west and adjacent to the "Welcome to Barnes" sign that is on the southwest corner of the intersection of Kansas Highways 9 and 148 and Center Street.

**Relocation Plan**

The Washington County Kingpost Bridge is being moved because of a concern for its well being. The road upon which it sits is no longer maintained or open to vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Washington County owns the bridge and is committed to saving the bridge from further neglect by relocating it. The decision to move (rather than demolish) the bridge came, in part, because the bridge is intact and in fair condition. The loss of integrity will be almost exclusively to the environs. While efforts are being made to site the bridge nearby and orient it in a similar environment, it will lose its original surroundings.

The Washington County Public Works Department will be preparing and moving the Kingpost Bridge to its new location in nearby Barnes. The city council agreed to accept the bridge and will place it over an existing natural drainage ditch located west and adjacent to the "Welcome to Barnes" sign that is on the southwest corner of the intersection of Kansas Highways 9 and 148 and Center Street. The bridge will be used for pedestrian traffic.

The vegetation and gravel roadway will be cleared from the bridge to reveal any remaining wooden decking. The wooden decking will be removed – and salvaged if possible – to reveal the iron and steel bridge structure. The metal bridge structure will be loosened from the roadway footings using tools and chisels, but will remain intact as a single piece. Meanwhile, the City of Barnes will prepare the new location for placement with concrete footings and pedestrian-traffic approaches. A crane will then remove the structure from its footings and place it on a flatbed truck for transportation to its new location. The iron and steel structure will then be lifted into place by the crane on its new concrete base and secured with concrete foundation pads. The wooden deck will be reused where possible and any replacement pieces will be fitted to match the existing decking. Following the Secretary of the Interior's

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*Standards*, repairs after relocation will be made as needed to the metal trusses and supports by the City of Barnes. Efforts will be taken throughout the project to minimize damage and preserve the materials.

The City of Barnes will assume perpetual maintenance of the bridge at its new location. The City will apply for matching funds and/or grants to help in the restoration process following approval of the relocation. Signage explaining the bridge's historic significance is planned. Washington County and the City of Barnes wish to save the bridge and encourage visitors to stop and see the bridge.

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**CRITERIA CONSIDERATION B**

The proposed relocation of the Washington County Kingpost Bridge will not affect the integrity or the significance of the structure, which was nominated under Criterion C for its engineering significance as one of only eight King Post bridges still extant in Kansas. As part of the move, the Washington County Kingpost Bridge will be restored, and the new location next to a state highway will provide more people with the opportunity to view the rare structure. In its current location, the bridge is not accessible and there is no signage acknowledging its existence or historical significance.

**ARCHEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED NEW SITE**

The Kansas State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed its cultural resources files for the area proposed for relocation of the Washington County Kingpost Bridge in accordance with 36 CFR 800. The proposed new location is situated at the western edge of Barnes in eastern Washington County. It lies along an intermittent tributary of Camp Creek in an area that possesses low potential for archeological sites. The proposed new bridge location along an existing railroad grade possesses low potential for archeological sites. The proposed bridge relocation project should therefore have no effect on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or otherwise identified in our files. This office has no objection to the implementation of the project.

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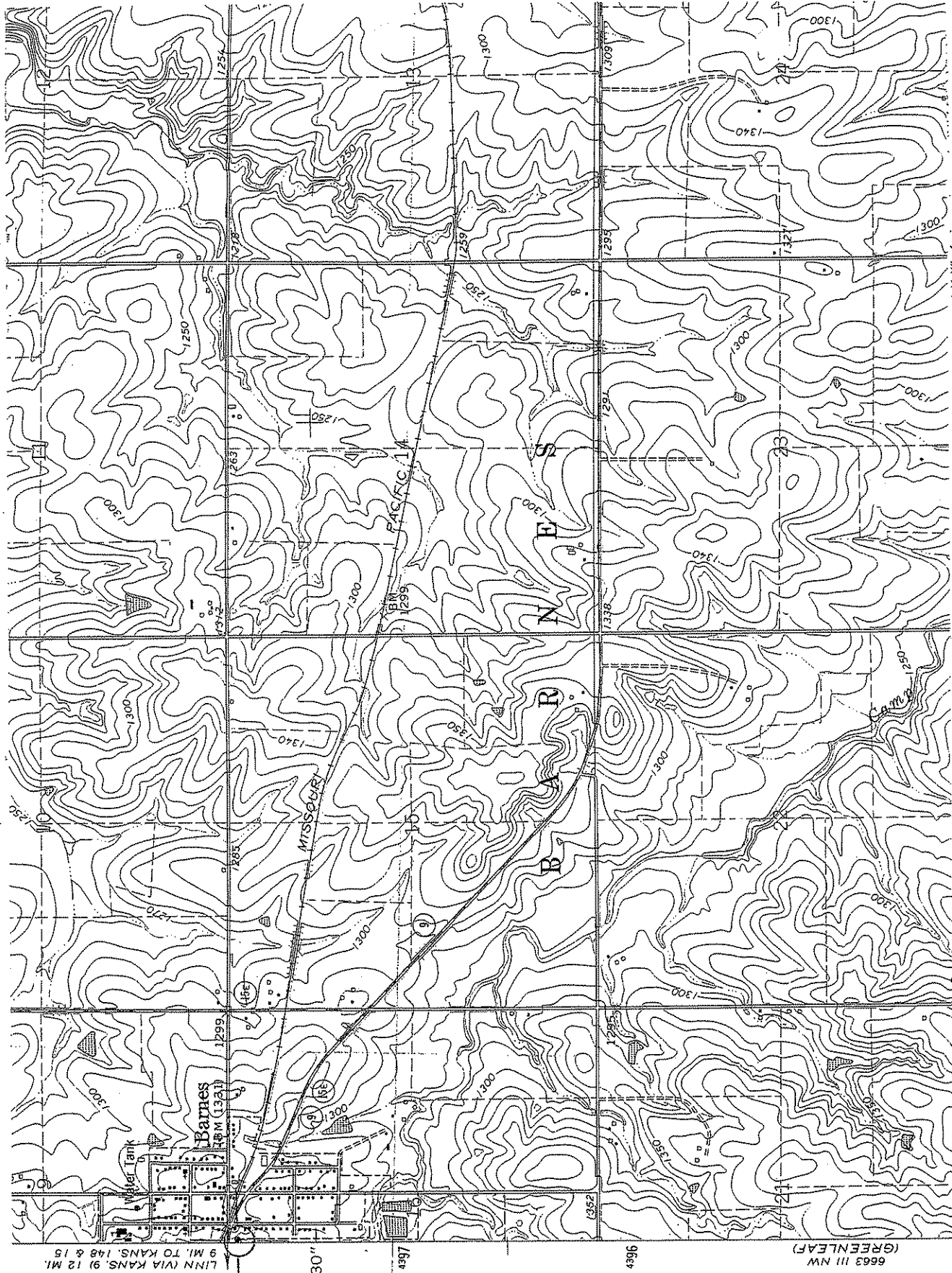
**PHOTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Property Name: Washington County Kingpost Bridge  
Location: Washington County, KS  
Photographer: Patrick Zollner  
Date: March 2006

Negatives on file at the Kansas State Historical Society

Photo 1: Current view of bridge from the northwest  
Photo 2: View of proposed new location from the north  
Photo 3: View of proposed new location from the east  
Photo 4: View of proposed new location from the west





Washington Co., Kingest  
 Bridge  
 Washington Co., Kansas  
 proposed new location  
 JTM Coordinates:  
 4/692126/4397680

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1. Name of Property

historic name Washington County Kingpost  
other names/site number Washington County Kingpost

2. Location 1 miles south and .3 miles east of intersection of F.A.S. 578 and F.A.S. 1419

street & number on unmarked county road ☐ not for publication  
city, town Barnes ☒ vicinity  
state Kansas code KS county Washington code 121 zip code 66933

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☒ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
<u>1</u>	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Metal truss bridges in Kansas

Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  
☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the  
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Ramon P. Lewis  
Signature of certifying official

Nov 16, 1989  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the National  
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.  
☐ removed from the National Register.  
☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: Road Related (Vehicular): Bridge

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: Road Related (Vehicular): Bridge

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Other: King Post Truss

foundation

walls

roof

other

Metal: Wrought Iron or Steel

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Washington County King Post truss was erected ca. 1900 and is a rivited pony truss. The single span is 22 feet long and 14 1/2 feet wide. The wooden deck rises 12 feet above the creek bed. The bridge is located at a slight bend of the road and sits on a slight northwest-southeast alignment. This is often true with early bridges as this alignment allowed a right angle approach to the stream and a saving of money in both bridge length and amount of fill required.

The members of a truss bridge are designated either as chord members or web members. Chord members are those mainly defining the outlines of the structure and they are termed lower or upper chord members depending on whether they are found at the bottom or the top of the structure. Members between the chords are web members. They are called posts or ties if they sustain compression or tension respectively.

In the King Post truss such as the Washington County bridge, the end posts and top chord merge to form two sides, and the lower chord completes the triangle. The end post and top chord sides are in compression while the lower chord side is in tension. The Washington county bridge fabricated with the use of angle stock with rivited connections. The top chords, king post, and diagonals are made up of two angle plates rivited together to form a beam. The bottom chord is single. One floor beam is attached to the king post and the sway brace. This in turn supports an I beam running the length of the panel. The wood decking is laid diagonally on top of these I beams. The bridge has been abandoned and traffic is no longer allowed to pass over it. It is visible from the new alignment and has not been altered.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Engineering

Transportation

Period of Significance

Ca. 1900

Ca. 1900

Significant Dates

Ca. 1900

Ca. 1900

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The King Post is one of the oldest truss designs, serving well in many medieval buildings. As is evident they served as well as bridges into the 20th century. Its simplicity also establishes its limit. As the length increases so must the height, at the same ratio. It is therefore only practical in short spans.

In Kansas eight King Posts still exist. Although the longest span is 56 feet, the average is closer to 40 feet. Six of the remaining bridges are located in Washington and Phillips counties. Single representatives are located in Brown and Labette counties. This would suggest that the design was more popular in the northeast portion of the state.

No actual construction history of the Washington County King Post has presently been located. Such structures were generally quite inexpensive and received little public notice. It was selected to be nominated because its all riveted construction suggests that it was a late example of the design, retains an outstanding degree of its integrity, and is a good representative of the class.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) carried out a statewide inventory of historic bridges between 1980 and 1983. The bridges to be included were identified through computer printouts developed by KDOT, from information supplied by the counties (since almost all of the historic bridges were located on secondary rather than the primary road system), and by direct observation by field personnel. All bridges were inspected by KDOT personnel to verify the data on file. That information was jointly evaluated by representatives of KDOT, Kansas State Historical Society, and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Each structure was evaluated using a points rating system adapted from the points evaluation rating developed by the Ohio Department of

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Transportation and Ohio Historic Preservation Office. Consideration was given to areas such as age, builder, number of spans, length, special features, history, integrity, surviving numbers, and preservation potential.

In many instances there is little information about individual structures. Often bridge plaques which may have contained information have been removed, or the county's records are not complete or have been destroyed. Due to the large numbers of similar structures there is often little to choose from in differentiating among individual bridges other than condition and the likelihood of preservation.

The purpose of the KDOT study and subsequent evaluation was to identify a representative selection of bridges of each class. Through this approach KDOT and KSHS hope to preserve for posterity some examples of each type.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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F.H.W.A., Indiana Dept. of Highways, Indiana Dept. Natural Resources,  
N.P.S., 1987.

Dan G. Deibler, A Survey and Photographic Inventory of Metal Truss Bridges  
in Virginia, Charlottesville: Virginia Highway & Transportation  
Research Council, 1975.

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)  
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings  
Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

### Specify repository:

Kansas State Historical Society

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

### UTM References

A 14 683840 4389680  
Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
Zone Easting Northing

D         

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on the NW 1/4, NW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4,  
section 10, township 5 south, range 5 east, on a tract measuring 22' x  
14 1/2' whose northwest corner is represented by the northwest corner of  
the bridge. Beginning at the northwest corner the boundary proceeds 22'  
southeast, 14 1/2' southwest, 22' northwest and 14 1/2' northeast to the  
point of beginning.

☐ See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

The boundary includes only that area that is historically associated with  
the nominated property.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Larry Jochims

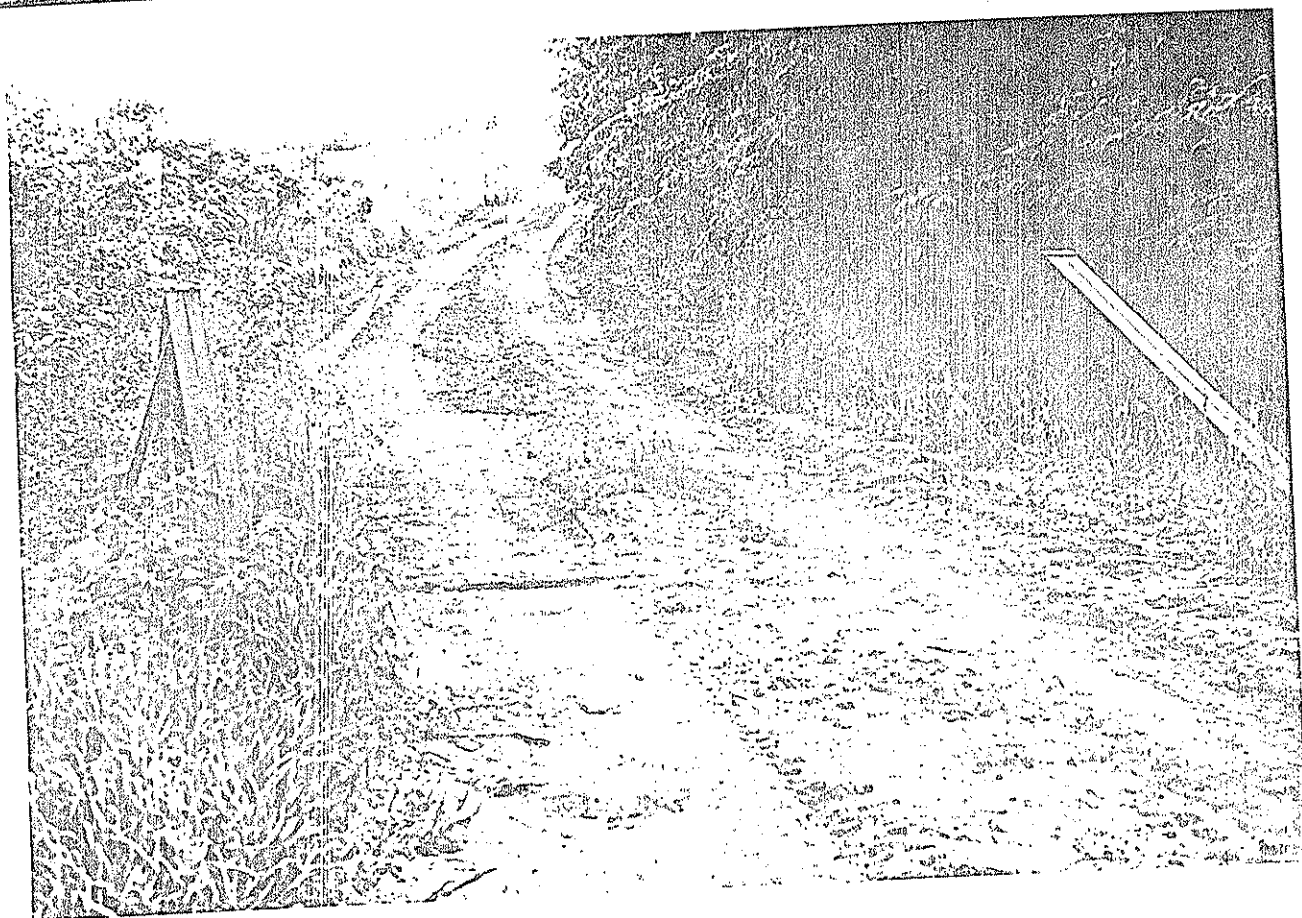
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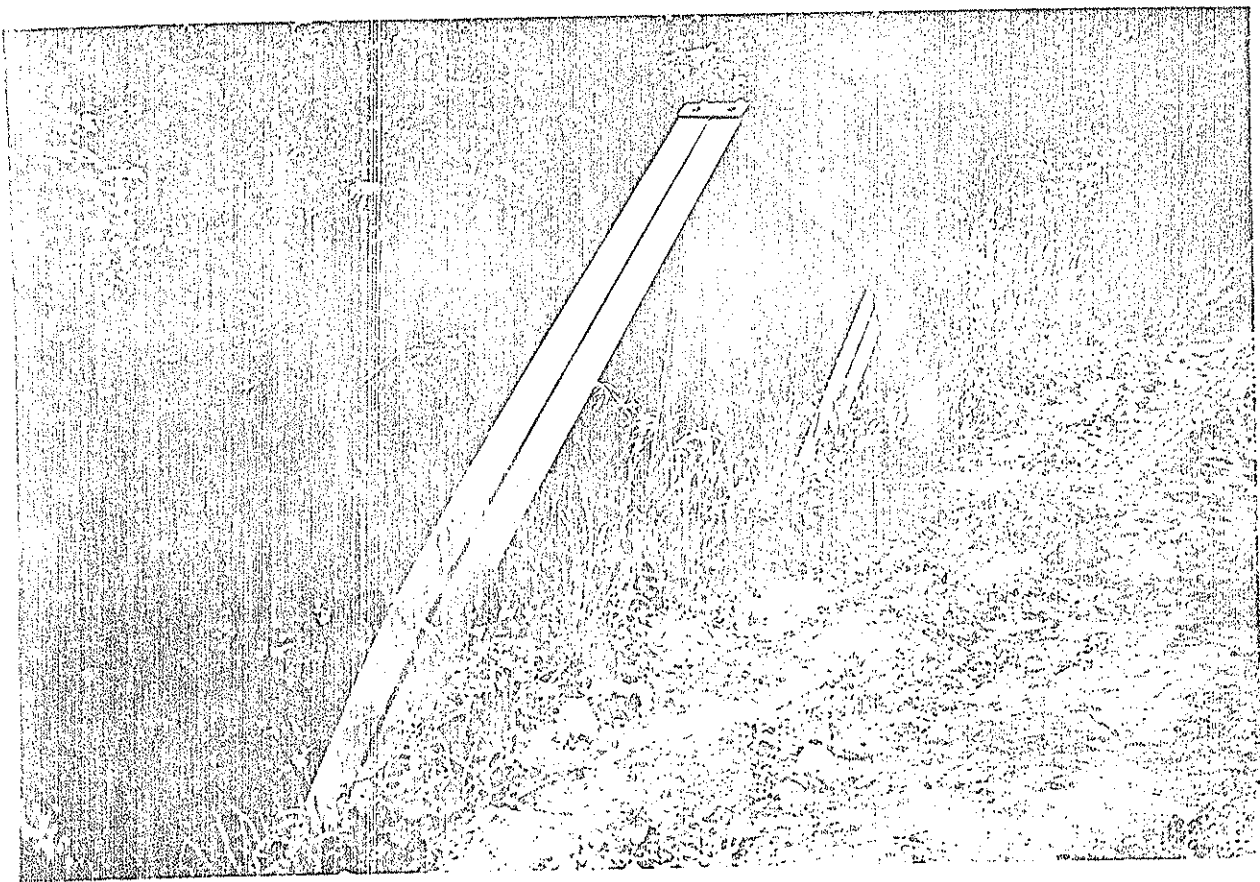
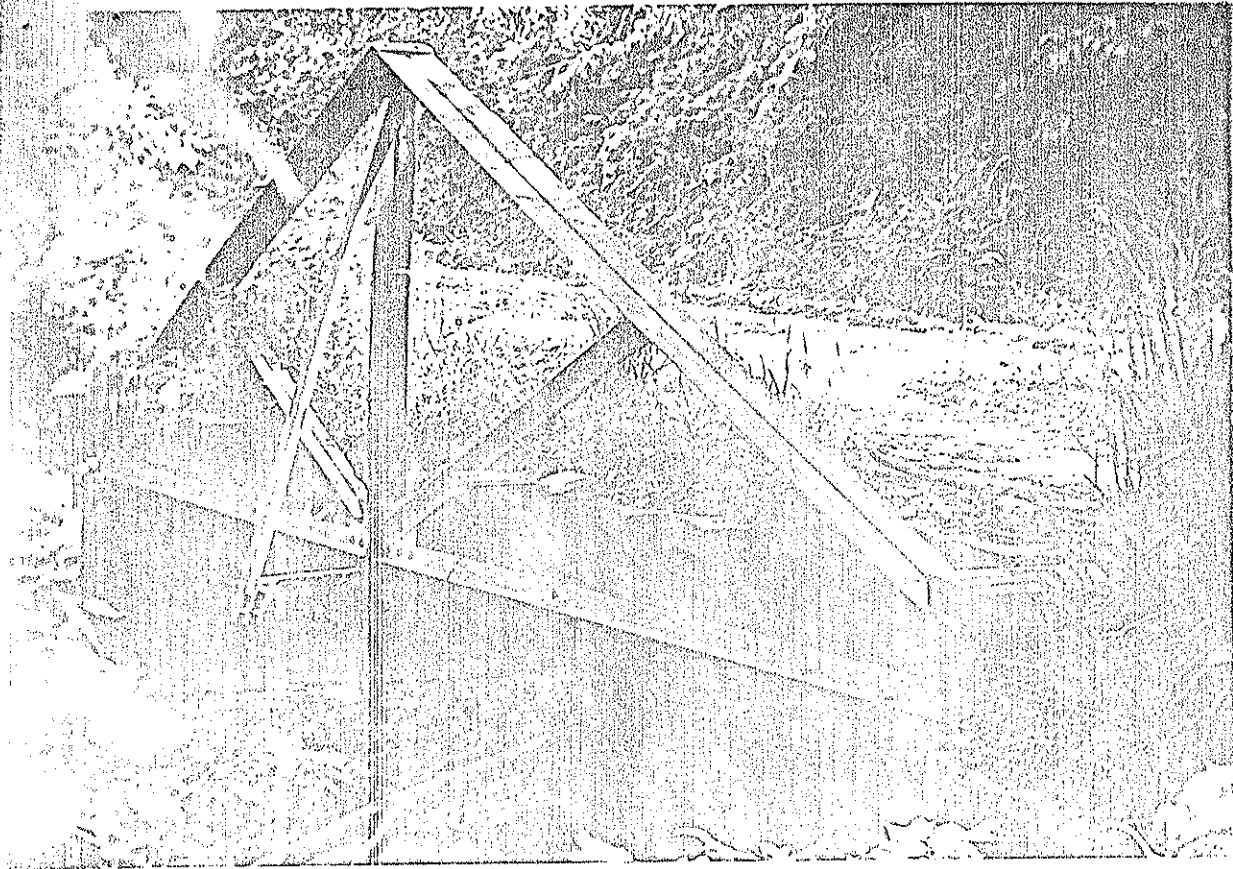
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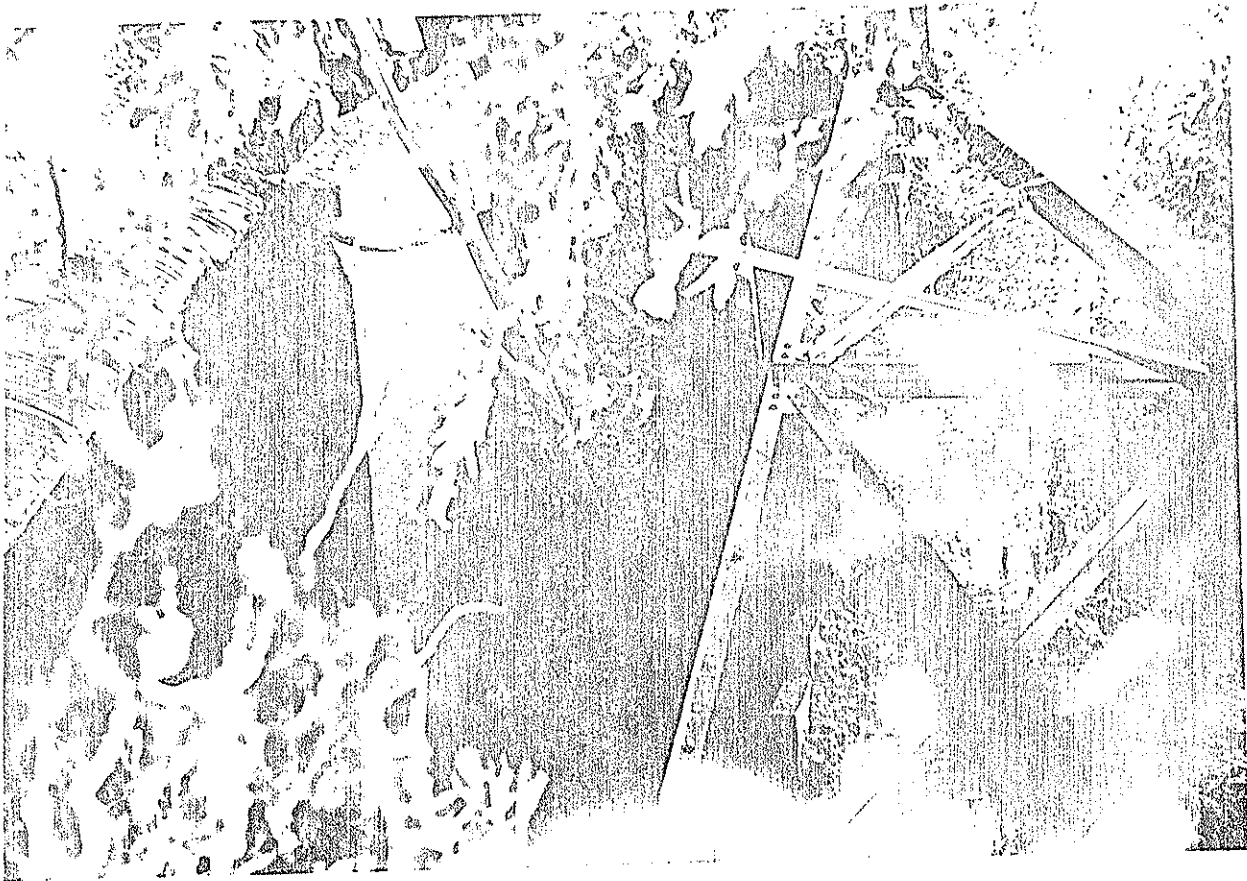
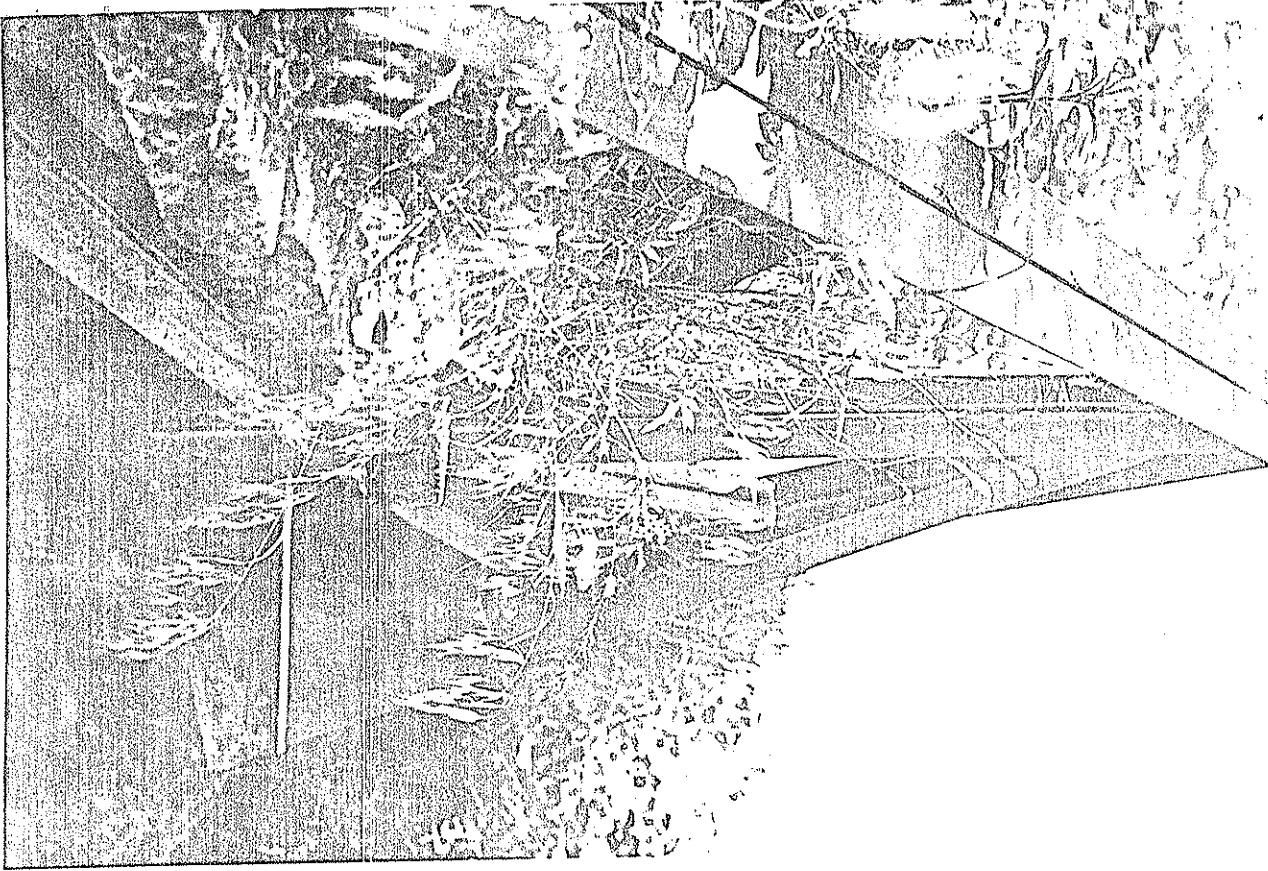












Washington County, Kansas

Barren

Photographed on May 26, 1986  
Negatives donated to the Kansas State Historical Society  
West Approach looking SE

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Washington County, King post

Barren, Kansas

Larry Jochims

May 26, 1986

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South side looking NE

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South side looking NE

Washington County King post

Barnes, Kansas

Larry Joehms

May 26, 1986

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North side looking SE

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Washington County King post

Barnes, Kansas

Larry Joehms

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Jerry Bruce

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Washington County King post

Barnes, Kansas

Larry Joehms

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East abutment looking SE

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East abutment looking SE